

Southern Italy and Sicily

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As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

The sun-kissed south and Sicily are the star attractions on this mesmerising southern Italy journey from Rome to Palermo. Taste local Sicilian wine on the slopes of snow-capped Mount Etna, learn about the ancient Greek heritage of Agrigento and get lost in the medieval cobbled streets of Erice.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! The 'Eternal City' is yours to explore on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner this evening. Enjoy an orientation drive—a perfect introduction to this beautiful city, the centre of which has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its ruins, imposing monuments, statues and fountains. **(D)**

Hotel: Midas Palace

Transfers: Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento From Rome, journey south to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii.

Your **Local Specialist** will take you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. See such sites as the Gymnasium, the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica before arriving later at your hotel in Sorrento. **(B)**

Hotel: Johanna Park

DAY 3 A Day on the Isle of Capri Take a ferry to Capri, the isle of sirens according to Greek mythology. You'll ascend to Capri town by funicular railway and see the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Spend some free time people-watching at one of the local cafés before returning to the mainland, where you can enjoy free time in Sorrento. **(B, D)**

DAY 4 Cross the Strait to Taormina Drive south past Salerno and through Calabria, crossing the straits of Messina to Sicily and the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos below Taormina. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Sant Alphonse Garden Giardini Naxos**

DAY 5 Gardens and More in Taormina

Your **Local Specialist** will take you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Monte Tauro, overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and see the terraced botanical gardens. Then, stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto and on to the piazza for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Later, there's free time for shopping for souvenirs and handmade ceramics on the Corso or savour a delicious gelato. **(B)**

DAY 6 Taormina Your Way Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax, see the sights of your choice, or consider an Optional Experience. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. Tonight, enjoy a **Be My Guest experience**. **(B, D)**

Be My Guest

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna and learn about their farm life traditions.



DAY 7 Journey to Ancient Agrigento Enjoy views of Enna on the way to Agrigento, where your **Local Specialist** will take you to the Valley of the Temples—the finest Greek sanctuary in Sicily. See the Temple of Concord and the Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. **(B)** **Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace**

DAY 8 Explore Sicilian Towns and on to Palermo

Journey to Erice, a famous hilltop medieval town in western Sicily with its cobbled streets, Norman castle and stunning views of the sea, salt pans and wooded hillsides. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. Continue your day with a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** in Palermo. In your free time this evening, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to a coastal village where the colourful fishing boats line the harbour. **(B)** **Hotel: Garibaldi**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Meet your host to learn about the civil anti-mafia movement whilst uncovering the lesser-known history of the ancient city of Palermo. This one-of-a-kind experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

DAY 9 Enjoy the Views in Monreale

Travel to Monreale for views of La Conca d'Oro and explore the magnificent 12th-century Norman Cathedral with your **Local Specialist**. Later, join your fellow travellers to celebrate your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

DAY 10 Journey Home Say arrivederci to Sicily and your newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday. **(B)**

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists

Pompeii, Capri, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo

Visit Must-see Landmarks

The excavations at Pompeii, the ruins of the ancient Greek theatre at Taormina, the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento, Erice, Monreale Cathedral

View Must-see Landmarks

The fortress town of Enna and Palermo Cathedral

Travel by Scenic Journeys

To the Isle of Capri

One-of-a-kind Experiences

See day 6 for your unique local encounter

Travel Responsibly

See day 8 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Gazing out towards the coast of Amalfi with the beauty created by Italian artisans is cast in my memory forever.

Margaret

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Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**
Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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